

the children; we are one in esteeming him whose home is a sanctuary of parental affection and marital devotion; whose heart warms and glows in a generous sympathy for those who sorrow and who is ever ready to extend to the needy the never-failing 'towlne' of his assistance. These things contribute to the occasion which brings us here tonight, to pay tribute to our honored guest.

"But in mentioning these we do not forget Mr. Metcalfe's intellectual equipments, his rugged honesty, his unflinching devotion to what seems to be right. From a reporter to an editor, from the lowest to the highest rung in his profession argues much of power that is rare. To be selected by a critic of undoubted judgment as one worthy of a place among the great editors of this nation, is an honor he can not enjoy alone, it brings happiness to us all. And yet in the midst of these distinctions he has been more than modest. He was always simply 'Met.' His ideals have been high, partaking of the spiritual rather than the commercial. Through the columns of the World-Herald he has wielded a great power for good in our community, and in his departure the city sustains a distinct loss, felt by none as keenly as by those who know him best."

Tribute by Mr. Benson

Preceding an eloquent response to the toast, "Fifty Years of Nebraska," Erastus A. Benson referred feelingly to the departure of Mr. Metcalfe, and said:

"When we are in the mood, and strange to say, men sometimes have such moods, that we want an editorial full two columns long—then we will know that he is gone.

"When we count the men who always stand for Omaha—for all that is good, but who are not afraid to condemn that which is bad—then we will know that he is gone.

"When we want a man, who, in speaking of our disadvantages, can tell the truth with penurious frugality and of our advantages can tell it with luxurious prodigality, then we will know that he is gone.

"When we want a friend in whom you can confide with no suspicion of ever having your confidence betrayed, then you will know that he is gone.

"When we want a man who, in friendly raillery, can flash with wit and never a spark leave a cinder in a friend's eye, then we will know that he is gone.

"When we want a man who stands for high ideals, and who forms the connecting link between the real and the ideal, then, too, we shall know that he is gone."

Tribute from Bryan

Letters of regret were read from Judge Irving F. Baxter, United States district attorney; Judge George A. Day, judge of the district court, Omaha, and E. O. Mayfield, Kansas City.

The following telegram from William J. Bryan was greeted with enthusiastic applause, and the sentiment therein contained was commented on and cordially approved. The most pronounced indorsement was given by prominent republicans, who testified to a feeling of keen satisfaction at being able to fully agree on this occasion with the leader of the opposing political party:

"Galena, Ill.—Hon. C. J. Smyth, Toastmaster Metcalfe Dinner: Am with you in spirit. My greeting to 'Met.' Each letter of his name suggests a virtue—modest, earnest, truthful, courageous, accurate, lovable, faithful, energetic."

Samuel Rees spoke of "The Editor's Relation to the Business World," and insisted that he could see but little connection. He said the editor lived in a different atmosphere, but that the publisher was in touch with the money proposition. He declared, however, that in the future it would be different, as business matters are pressing to the front in politics, and

this would demand the editor's attention, rather than the literary and sentimental features.

Rev. John Williams spoke of "Our Guest." He struck a popular chord by asserting that on this occasion "Rosewater is not mad. That's very evident." He spoke of the personal characteristics of the guest of the evening, from an acquaintance of many years. He said he knew him to be lovable, a genius withal, and a man of fearless incorruptibility. He knew he hated flattery, and found it hard to tell him to his face of his virtues. "I believe him," said the speaker, "to be as tender and pure as a woman, and as fearless and incorruptible as a man can hope to be. He is the most devoted and loyal friend that an honest man can have or hope to have. We could better spare a dozen millionaires, and it is a crumb of comfort that he does not go from under the bright skies of our own Nebraska."

Edward Rosewater spoke of "The Genesis of an Editor." He detailed some of his tribulations in getting the Bee successfully edited at the start, thirty-five years ago, and spoke of the varied requirements essential to the successful and influential editor. He spoke of Mr. Metcalfe's work as a reporter on the Bee and of his subsequent progression through various capacities to the editorial chair. He found food for pleasing contemplation in the fact that two-thirds of the World-Herald staff had been given the benefit of proper training on the Bee before branching out to a more extended field of usefulness. He insisted that the editor must be capable of serving up something besides cannon-ball soup every day and that he must know something about forgiving and forgetting. He spoke of the proneness of the public to demand much of an editor and give little of appreciation in return.

Influence of the Press

T. J. Mahoney responded to "The Press as a Moral Force," and took a few satirical shots at a few of the prominent characteristics of a moral press at certain intervals of internecine warfare. These were in the concrete, however, and in the abstract he spoke of the press as it should and might be. He spoke of its influence, and of the necessity of a man of character in the position to direct the energies of such a great moral engine. He said that when such a character became conspicuous the people rallied behind it, and were present on such an occasion as this to give good assurance that the measure of the editor was properly taken by an entire community.

General Manderson was not on the toast card, but took occasion to remark that such an occasion was without precedent in Omaha. He good-naturedly asked why he himself was present to do honor to a man who was more persistently wrong in his political teachings than any man in the state. He averred that he was glad that "Met." was going to Lincoln and that he would no longer be able to do so much "pernicious mischief" and daily bring his political poison to Omaha breakfast tables. He declared that he was glad the limit of this mischievous activity had been reached and that the honored guest was going to be "the devoted follower of a man who has been even more persistently wrong than he has been." He expressed cordial approval of the "admirable sentiment" of Bryan's telegram. Speaking again of the political work of the honored guest, he said he trusted that God would forgive the man who put out such fearful facts to frighten the souls of his political adversaries. He spoke of Mr. Metcalfe's work as Washington correspondent and paid him a splendid tribute, speaking of his reputation among the entire corps of Washington correspondents for truth-telling, candor and frankness.

R. C. Craven spoke from the stand-

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point of a fellow-worker in the newspaper field, and Rev. P. F. McCarthy, William Kennedy, I. J. Dunn, G. M. Hitchcock and T. J. Nolan spoke of his characteristics from the viewpoint of personal friends of many years in various associations. Mr. Hitchcock said that the guest